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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOG DESIRE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER
TERRORISM AND CONTROL CIVIL DISTURBANCES

REF: ATHENS 1078

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-OFFENSIVE BUT NEGATIVE REPLY TO GOG REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND CONTROL CIVIL DISTURBANCES AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. WHEN REPLYING TO GOG REQUEST, EMBASSY/JUSMAAG MAY WISH TO REFER GREEK AUTHORITIES TO STANDING U. S. OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE AVIATION AND AIRPORT SECURITY AS OUTLINED IN A-1288, FEBRUARY 12, 1973. GOG ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH OFFER WOULD NATURALLY REQUIRE SENSITIVITY IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM APPROPRIATE TO GREEK SITUATION.

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2. FYI: A.I.D. OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY DOES HAVE TRAINING

PROGRAM IN "PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION OF CONTEMPORARY VIOLENCE" WHICH MIGHT INTEREST GREEKS. COURSE IS FOR EIGHT WEEKS AT INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON, OPEN TO COMMISSIONED AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND HAS FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

A. DEFINING NATURE OF CURRENT EXTREMIST VIOLENCE, ITS ETIOLOGY, AND CONSEQUENCES;

B. EXPLORING FORMS AND METHODOLOGY OF CURRENT EXTREMIST VIOLENCE, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING, BOMB THREATS, ASSASSINATION, BANK ASSAULTS, AND AIRLINE HIGHJACKING;

C. DEVELOPING METHODOLOGY FOR PREVENTING SUCH ACTION AND FOR INVESTIGATING ACCOMPLISHED ACTS; AND

D. PROMOTING CONCEPT OF TOTAL FORCE REACTION. END
FYI.

2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SESSION OF COURSE DESCRIBED ABOVE PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 1974. IN VIEW LIKELY REPERCUSSIONS OF USG TRAINING OF GREEK POLICE, WE BELIEVE THIS COURSE SHOULD NEITHER BE OFFERED NOR DISCUSSED WITH GREEKS. WE MENTION THIS COURSE FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, AGAINST POSSIBILITY GREEKS MAY LEARN OF IT AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAKE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR THIS TRAINING. WE SUGGEST BEST APPROACH IS FOR EMBASSY TO REPLY TO GREEKS THAT EXCEPT FOR POSSIBILITIES OF PARA ONE ABOVE, USG UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO OFFER GOG TRAINING OF SORT REQUESTED. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES OTHERWISE, REQUEST YOU COMMUNICATE YOUR THOUGHTS TO DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO RAISING SUBJECT WITH GREEKS.

4. REGARDING GOG INTEREST IN PROCURING WEAPONS, VEHICLES, TEAR GAS, ETC., GOG CAN DO SO THROUGH NORMAL COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. THERE IS NO USG PROGRAM TO ASSIST GREEKS IN SPECIAL OBTAINMENT SUCH MATERIEL. RUSH

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